

# WEATHER MADE TO YOUR ORDER

German Inventor Can Cause or Prevent Rain.

TO VISIT UNITED STATES.

Richard Rodrian of Berlin Anxious to Demonstrate to Government That His Theories Are Correct—Laughed at in Germany, He Says, He Will Seek Vindication Here.

Richard Rodrian, Berlin's "weather maker," is coming to America this summer, hoping to interest the United States agricultural department in his theory of weather control, according to recent dispatches from Germany. The electro-technician, who evolved the theory that weather changes are caused by electrical activity, which can be controlled by the use of electrical instruments, has been unable because of lack of funds to construct powerful instruments. However, he declares that he was responsible for the pleasant weather in eastern and southern Germany this year on Whitmonday and Ascension day in the face of official predictions of rain.

## Theory in Electricity.

"I am convinced," said Herr Rodrian recently, "that not only storms and tornadoes, but floods and earthquakes, are caused by electrical changes in the air. Often floods are much greater than the amount of water that has fallen. The earth is probably interlaced with canals of gas, which, when the pressure changes, expand, forcing the underground water to the surface. This pressure also produces earthquakes. In all the disturbances in Europe since I began my investigations the weather map invariably indicated the coming catastrophe. I shall study the American charts and shall prove that the same is the case there." "These catastrophes could be avoided without a great outlay of capital. America has the duty of guarding the Panama canal from earthquakes and of saving large regions devastated by floods. I am trying to interest the government because the power of changing the weather also means power to cause any desired weather, and unless this power is in the hands of a great international alliance catastrophes of a terrible nature might be produced. I was once approached by some Americans who wished me to blight the American cotton crop after they had laid in a big stock of cotton. I was also asked to cause an earthquake in France, but I am interested in the assistance and not in the destruction of humanity."

## Seeks to Be Vindicated.

Herr Rodrian is coming to America with sufficient funds to conduct experiments. He says he is seeking vindication and not a fortune. He has been ridiculed for years by the Berlin newspapers, and, while given a hearing by scientists, he feels that the lack of a university degree has prevented fair trials from being made. He says he made a contract with one German state to stave off freezing weather an entire winter and failed to do so on only one day. He had the financial backing of a friend and got a small sum from the Hotel Keepers' association, which was interested in his efforts to bring good weather on holidays.

## REPAID A THOUSANDFOLD.

Benefactor of Lad Seeking Education Bequeathed a Million.

Dr. E. S. Higley of Wellston, O., has just been repaid \$1,000,000 for the loan in the early eighties of \$700 to Charles Froelich, a struggling farmer lad, to complete his education as a mining engineer. Soon after Froelich went to Australia and was not heard from for several years.

Eight years ago Froelich, grown beyond the physician's recognition, walked into Dr. Higley's office and paid the \$700, with compound interest. He had been successful in Australia and South Africa and was wealthy.

After a few weeks Froelich returned to Australia. Nothing was heard from him until recently, when a lawyer arrived from Melbourne, Australia, and notified Dr. Higley that Froelich had died without relatives and had left his entire estate, valued at \$1,000,000, to his benefactor. Dr. Higley is seventy years old.

## TO READ DEAD MAN'S BRAIN.

Scientists Secretly Test Theory of De-funct Harvard Professor.

Scientists in the Harvard medical school are trying to read the brain of the late Dr. Maurice Howe Richardson, ex-member of the faculty of that institution. The examinations are being conducted secretly in the neuro-pathological department and under the direction of Dr. E. E. Southard. Dr. Richardson was a firm believer that thoughts made definite lines in the brain, and the present examination is being conducted in accordance with his wishes as expressed in his will. He believed that a person's thoughts were recorded and were at the time of thinking visible on the outer walls of the cerebrum. He held that if these lines were read and the seat of the thought located it would make it possible to correct defects in the brain by surgical operations.

# Minute "Movies" of the News Right Off the Reel

Crystallized rose leaves and chops perfumed with violets are Chicago's latest in food.

A father has the right to spank his daughter with a shingle even if she be twenty years old and married, a Pennsylvania judge decides.

Fifteen men drawn recently on the circuit court jury panel in Kansas City were excused because the stork was expected in the home of each one.

Couple in Luray, Va., dived under water and came up married. A minister accompanied them to the bottom of the Luray caverns and tied the knot.

Melvin Lane, ten years of age, graduated from the Mahwah (N. J.) public school, is said to be the youngest graduate in the country. His general average was 99.

The University of Pennsylvania museum has purchased a magnificent collection of 302 pieces of ancient opalescent glassware, dug from the tombs of Palestine and Syria.

## SURGEONS CAN STOP THE HEART FOR TEN MINUTES.

Dr. Carrel Says the Interruption Is No Longer Dangerous.

The following very interesting statements, some of which are considered striking by the leading lights of French medical science, were made recently in Paris by Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, at his first official lecture at the Paul Beaudou hospital.

Dr. Carrel announced that he was now able to operate in the chest cavity with as much ease and safety as in the abdomen. "It is now a simple cut," he said, "and we open the thorax and operate upon the lungs, heart and aorta as we treat the kidneys and the intestines. We now know also just how much the brain, the spinal cord and the heart can stand as regards the temporary anesthetics required by operations."

"The heart suffers very little from interrupted circulation as long as care is taken that it has enough oxygen, and it may be stopped for five or even ten minutes without danger, while in the spinal marrow the circulation may be stopped as long as twenty minutes."

"For the brain, however, four minutes is the limit of safety, and after five it is very difficult to restore normal conditions."

A huge field of work remained, he said in conclusion, to be done as regards operations upon the human heart, and the study of these was of the greatest possible importance. This was especially true of surgery for aneurisms and the shrinking of the aorta or pulmonary arteries.

The lecture was received with great enthusiasm.

## FORTUNE IN BABY'S NAMES.

But Little One Will Have Six to Lug Around.

If he lives until he is twenty-one years old Charles Durant Hearst Elbert Hubbard Sague Maines will receive \$20,000 and the interest accruing for the next twenty-one years.

The child, born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is the first son of George G. Maines, a real estate operator and leader of the Progressive party, who eloped two years ago with Miss Mae Zimmerman of Flint, Mich., a student at the Glen Eden seminary at Poughkeepsie.

The youngster will be christened Charles. At the end of five years the name Durant will be added, and he will be given \$1,000. Five years later the name Hearst will be added, and another \$1,000 will be given him. When he is fifteen the name Elbert will be added and another \$1,000. When he is twenty the name Hubbard will be added, and when he arrives at the age of twenty-one the name Sague will be added, making his name Charles Durant Hearst Elbert Hubbard Sague Maines, and he will be given \$20,000 with accrued interest.

## FRANKLIN'S WILL RESCUED.

Quaint Document Resurrected in the Nick of Time.

All controversies as to the disposition of the estate of Benjamin Franklin have been settled by the restoration of the manuscript of his will by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. The document, which was recently resurrected from a vault under the Philadelphia city hall to verify an office copy, was found to have deteriorated so much that restoration was necessary.

The testament exudes the personality of the great man, from his own description of himself to the last quaint bequest. His son William, once governor of New Jersey, was cut off with a tract of land in Nova Scotia with the following explanation:

"The part played against me in the late war, which is of public notoriety, will account for my leaving him no more of an estate he endeavored to deprive me of."

# COST OF LIVING PROVED HIGHER

Labor Bureau Charts Show a Steep Raise Since 1899.

FACTS AND FIGURES GIVEN.

Investigation into Prices of Staple Foods Covers Thirty-nine Large Cities—Advance Last Year Averages 3.2 Per Cent—Meat Soars Upward, While Eggs Cheapen.

Every principal article of food, except sugar, of fifteen staples representing approximately two-thirds of the expenditure for food by the average workingman's family, showed a decided increase in retail prices on Feb. 15, 1913, compared with the average price for the ten year period of 1899-1909, according to the last investigations of the statisticians of the government bureau of labor, which have just been made public. Sugar was 4.6 per cent; smoked bacon was 11.6 per cent higher. Increases in other food articles were:

Sirloin steak, 6.8 per cent; round steak, 8.4; rib roast, 6.7; pork chops, 8.4; smoked hams, 6.1; pure lard, 6.3; hens, 6.6; wheat flour, 2.4; cornmeal, 5.1; strictly fresh eggs, 5.0; creamery butter, 6.5; white potatoes, 2.6; fresh milk, 4.0.

The prices were collected in thirty-nine important industrial cities in which live one-fifth of the total number of people in continental United States.

There was an advance of 3.2 per cent over Feb. 15, 1912, in the relative prices weighed according to the average consumption of the various articles of food in workingmen's families. Retail prices of Feb. 15, 1913, compared with those on that date a year ago in some large cities, show:

## Advance in Meat.

Sirloin steak—Increase: At Boston, 10.1 per cent; New York, 17.3; Atlanta, 10.6; Chicago, 13.1; Kansas City, 17.9; New Orleans, 14.8; Denver, 12.1; San Francisco, 23; Seattle, 19.6. Decrease: Dallas, 0.8 per cent.

Round steak—Increase: Boston, 7.2 per cent; New York, 17.6; Atlanta, 11.8; Chicago, 19.5; Kansas City, 20.1; Dallas, 6.6; New Orleans, 23.7; Denver, 12.6; San Francisco, 29.9; Seattle, 19.9.

Rib roast—Increase: Boston, 20.3 per cent; New York, 16.6; Atlanta, 10.7; Chicago, 6.5; Kansas City, 11.4; Dallas, 6.8; New Orleans, 5.8; Denver, 13.5; San Francisco, 15.9; Seattle, 27.1.

Pork chops—Increase: Boston, 22 per cent; New York, 23.5; Atlanta, 10.7; Chicago, 22.6; Kansas City, 23.3; New Orleans, 5; Denver, 20; San Francisco, 13.4; Seattle, 9.2. Decrease: Dallas, 2.1 per cent.

Smoked bacon—Increase: Boston, 35.5 per cent; New York, 13.5; Atlanta, 13.2; Chicago, 11.6; Kansas City, 5.8; New Orleans, 7.3; Denver, 17.1; San Francisco, 9.8; Seattle, 19.7. Decrease: Dallas, 7.1 per cent.

Pure lard—Increase: Boston, 20.5 per cent; New York, 10.4; Atlanta, 7.7; Chicago, 3.7; Kansas City, 10.3; Dallas, 11.09; New Orleans, 15.5; Denver, 21.3; San Francisco, 21.5; Seattle, 17.5.

Hens—Increase: Boston, 14.2 per cent; New York, 7.6; Chicago, 14; Kansas City, 4.4; New Orleans, 4.7; Denver, 9.8; Seattle, 2.2. Decrease: Atlanta, 19.3 per cent; Dallas, 0.5.

## Variation on Flour.

Wheat flour—Increase: Atlanta, 2.8 per cent; Dallas, 2.1; New Orleans, 3.9; San Francisco, 2.8; Seattle, 4.6. Decrease: Boston, 6.76 per cent; New York, 9.9; Chicago, 13; Kansas City, 5; Denver, 6.6.

Cornmeal—Increase: Boston, 0.1 per cent; Atlanta, 0.6; Chicago, 0.8; Kansas City, 3.5; Dallas, 4.5; New Orleans, 11.8; San Francisco, 6.4; Seattle, 4.8. Decrease: New York, 1 per cent; Denver, 2.6.

Strictly fresh eggs—Decrease: Boston, 19.9 per cent; New York, 17.5; Atlanta, 19.1; Chicago, 20.6; Kansas City, 18.5; Dallas, 8.8; New Orleans, 5.9; Denver, 7.8; San Francisco, 1.7; Seattle, 5.1.

Creamery butter—Increase: New York, 9.7 per cent; Atlanta, 19.7; Chicago, 2.7; Kansas City, 12.8; New Orleans, 1; Denver, 4.9; Seattle, 2.7. Decrease: Boston, 9.5 per cent; San Francisco, 2.3.

White potatoes—Decrease: Boston, 41 per cent; Atlanta, 28.6; Chicago, 33.1; Kansas City, 35.8; Dallas, 20.6; New Orleans, 22.1; Denver, 49.4; San Francisco, 40.4; Seattle, 49.5.

Sugar—Decrease: Boston, 15.5 per cent; New York, 14.7; Atlanta, 20.2; Chicago, 19.8; Kansas City, 15.6; Dallas, 18.7; New Orleans, 15.4; San Francisco, 17.3; Seattle, 11.2.

Milk—Increase: Boston, 19.6 per cent; New York, 10.4; no change at Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, New Orleans or San Francisco. Decrease: Seattle, 3.3 per cent.

## INDIANS SEEK FREEDOM.

Minnesota Chippewas Organize to Gain Same Rights as Whites.

The Chippewa Indians of Minnesota have organized to obtain their independence. From being mere wards of the federal government they would change to a self supporting basis, wherein they would stand on the same footing as their white brethren.

Already two big conventions have been held this year to discuss their plans, and their capable leaders are confident that they will gain their desires before long, which is full citizenship and freedom from all undue restraint as a separate race.

Many Chippewas have adopted modern methods of living. They farm their lands with intelligence and dwell in comfortable houses with all the conveniences.

Those who are banded together in the present movement say they want to gather all the Indians of the state in one organization, settle all claims against the government, abolish Indian agencies and special schools, promote agriculture and industry among the tribes and put all of them on an independent basis, supervised by the state alone.

# The Up to Date Spider

"Walk yourself out of my kitchen," Said the spider to the fly.  
"You may have just been wading through Good heaven knows what sty!"  
Ten million vile bacilli  
May be clinging to your feet,  
And I am careful nowadays  
Regarding what I eat.

"Your species once was welcome—  
Yes, and more—within my walls,  
But now I know your tribe to be  
The worst that flies or crawls.  
I know what laid my people low  
In their last dread disease,  
So take yourself away from here,  
And do it quickly, please!"

The naughty fly still buzzed about  
And argued on the thing,  
And so the spider waited her,  
Snote head and foot and wing.  
He sterilized his food, his house  
He fumigated then,  
Inoculated all his folks  
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—Louis Schneider in New York Times.

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